case u/s 323/34 IPC against the investigating officer, Sub Inspector Suraj Bhan and five other Constables. It was further ordered that a report be submitted to the court on or before 14.2.95. A case was registered against SI Suraj Bhan of Police Post Sangtarashan and Constable Ramesh at PS Paharganj on 13.2 95 and a report was sent to the Court. The matter is subjudice before the Metropolitan Magistrate.

Reunification of Naga Areas

*684. SHRI VIZOL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland, in its fifth session in 1995, has passed a Resolution on the integration of contiguous Naga inhabited areas;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the reunification of Naga areas according to the wishes of the Nagas; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The Nagaland State Assembly adopted a Private Member's Resolution of September 16, 1994 seeking integration of contiguous Naga Areas under one administration roof.

(b) and (c) No proposal for any Naga re-unification' is under consideration of Government as Naga tribes have always inhabited different administrative units of the country. Presently, they are living in the States of Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Assam.

WB approval to Cleaner Technology Promotion Network

*685. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Clearner Technology Promotion Newwork has been approved by the World Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme; and

(c) by when this scheme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Clearner Technology Promotion Network envisages screening, evaluation and prioritisation of cleaner technologies available within and outside the country for procurement and large scale adoption through effective Demonstrations. Training at various levels for upgradation of skills is also included. The Network is to become self-sustaining within a period of five years. A sum of $2.0 million is provided by the World Bank for soft and hardware procurement.

(c) The Cleaner Technology Promotion Network will become functional after the operational modalities are finalised.

World Class Telephone Services

*686. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications is considering a proposal to enter into strategic alliances with certain Indian and foreign companies to provide world-class telephone services under emerging competitive environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the telecom policy does not contain any proposal for upgradation of DOT network to world class standard; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Department has invited tenders for licensing of Indian Companies for providing basic telephone services. Many Indian and foreign Companies have formed alliances to participate in the tenders.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir. One of the objectives of National Telecom Policy is that the quality of Telecom services should be of World standard. This objective has to be met by the Department of Telecom as also by the private operators.

DOT Network will get upgraded continuously through induction of advanced technologies and equipment.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Full capacity utilisation in Barauni and Bongaigaon Refineries

*687. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Barauni and Bongaigaon Refineries are working below their installed capacity because of shortage of crude oil supply to their plants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with the coming up of a new refinery at Numaligarh in Assam, these refineries are going to face a further crude oil crisis; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to see that the plants work to their full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The crude oil production North-Eastern region during 1994-95 was about 5.08 million tonnes. The combined refining capacity of four refineries namely, Digboi, Guwahati, Bongaigaon Refineries & Petrochemicals Ltd. and Barauni is 6.15 million tonnes per annum. Capacity utilization of Barauni and BRPL Refineries are 67% and 87% respectively for 1994-95.

(b) and (c) The Numaligarh Refinery is not likely to affect the availablity of crude oil to Barauni and Bongaigaon Refineries. To increase the crude production in North-Eastern Region and to enhance crude availability, Government has already drawn up short-term and long-term measures. The proposal of IOC for laying a crude oil pipeline from Haldia to Barauni to augment the crude supplies to Barauni Refinery is also under process for investment approvals.

Prime Minister's visit to Maldives

*688. SHRI SYED SUBTEY RAZI: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited Maldives in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with objectives;

(c) whether this visit of the Prime Minister would pave the way for further strengthening of bilateral ties between the two countries;

(d) whether the Prime Minister had offered technical and training assistance to Maldives in a number of fields like defence, environment, medical, non-conventional energy, marine transport etc;

(e) if so, the details thereof, with the reaction of Government of Maldives;

(f) whether the Prime Minister propose to pay visit to other neighbouring countries in future, to further strengthen the ties with such countries; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister paid a one-day visit to Maldives on April 15-16, 1995 to inaugurate the 200-bed Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Male, constructed with Government of India's assistance.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Technical, educational and training assistance in the fields of environment, medical, para-medical, distance education, sports, non-conventional energy and vocational training in various areas such as computers, nursery teachers and secretarial assistance, etc. were offered as a continuation of our on going bilateral cooperation programme with the Maldives.

(f) and (g) PM has accepted in principle an invitation from Prime Minister of Bangladesh Begum Khaleda Zia to visit Bangladesh. Mutually convenient dates have to be worked out through diplomatic channels.